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IN MEMORIUM

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HOND. D. M ${ }^{\text {c }}$ GEE

- AND -

CAPT. C. C. BRYDGES.
$\qquad$
"Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their liven and in their death they were not divided."-David.

BY THE POET "MARATHON."



## DEDICATION

## C. J. BRYDGES, Esя.

Hean Sir.
Permit ne to dedicate the following poems to you, the one wh the trigic death of an illustrous Statesman, with the brightness of whoe genius your own could so well sympathize, the other your own ufictionate son, Charles, the pride of your manhood and the hopre of your declining yaars. "Snateled away in beauties bloom," from the affections of his Country, and the love of his happy home. They may serve t" you not as the productions of genius, but, mementos of two melancholy events, entering so decply into the recesses of jour profound nature.
'I'rusting you will be sustained under the great trial,
I remain, very respectfully, Yours,
"Marathon."

## THE ASSASSINATION

OF THE
HON. T. D. McGEE.

BY "MARATHON."

Wake my harp and pour thy music
Doleful on thy country's ear
Call her from her morning's slumber, To pour forth a mutual tear,

Sorrows deep baptize my harp strings
And bedew the Poet's song,
As it trembles on his spirit
While he pours it on the throng.
List my country while my deep notes, Tell thee of the arm of blood,

Now in peerless vengeance lifted Gainst the eternal laws of God.

Yea despite the laws that keep us Safe from every hideous fear,

Bought by blood of our ancestors Held by us than lite more dear.

Mourn that on thy breast there treadeth, One so vile of demon heart,

Whose dark deed of hellish daring Tore McGee's life strings apart

While those classic lips were cooling From those strains of living fire,

That well'd from his patriot spirit, Which did oft those lips inspire.

Lurked the dark satanic spirit, Waiting with his purpose deep,

To uplift the blow of horor, That will canse two lands to weep.

O! What country flung his nembers First upon his native shore

And what bosom fondly nursed him, Thus to stain his hands in gore.

Heinous is the deed of horror, It affronts our every power,

That thus tore him from pedestols, Where his wings alone could tower. It has hushed the silvery music, That did warble in his song,

And suspended flowing rivers, That burst olten from his tongue.

Pa: - re the finitful fingers, That 'nribed us ancient lore, And maparted to our country Gifts we cannot boast of more.

Deck the platform, clothe it deeply, In its ebon robes of pride,

Call our country's sons and tell them. How its peerless champion died.

Tell them that his tongue of fire Never more will greet them here,

Ask their classic taste to give us On his dust a pearly tear.

Ilush'd tho eloquence that took them To mum a ial ralons of light,

Browent thrif treasure neath his genius That pour'd on them lustre bright.

And their heart caught inspiration, Aim'd to clime the hill of 'ame,

While he bore them on his pinions, To its brow to write their name.

We shall bask within the radiance Of his eloquence no more,

For his mighty spirit's left us For another boundless shore.

If he simned aguinst the Nation, He oft wash'd those sins in tears, Kept his vow and spent his genius For us through the tronbled years. And has fillean for our country For its sake his head is bowed, 'Cause he fought her battles bravely, Sunk he neath this sable cloud.

Britain do thy duty manly
Noble hath he givon thee,
His own hite to hend thy greatness Down to all posteaty.

Do him honor whose effulgence Glow'd around thy lofty name, Adding lustre'to thy jewels That heng round thy crown of fame.

Lovely Erin thou canst proudly Boast of many a genius bright,

Who have woven brilliant garlands That will burn with changeless light.

On thy lofty page of history studded there are many a gem,

That will glow with radiant lustre Sparkling like the diadem.
'Mong the noble genial spirits That have signed the roll of fame,

That emit their lustre ever Like some Satelites aflame

There McGee will shine perrenial And his name in living light, Ceaseless as the sturs that burneth Lovely in the depths of night.

Wexford county let thy heavens Bring their clouds of darkest hue, Let them robe thy bosom Caltiford That gave us this genius true.

Let them pour their tears of sorrow On that lovely emerald land, Cause her son's untimely fallen Low by the a‘sassin's hand.

Born upon thy lovely bosom Rambled o'er thy greenest dale, By the pleasant banks of Slaney Catching oft its bracing gale. Early drank of streamlets gnshing From thy castles legends fair, Treasured in his heart the knowledge That his ancestors declare

And he early learnt to love thee Round thee his young genius burned, Sung of hill and dale and Mountain As his heart towards them turned, Sang of all thy childrens beauty Of their parity and iove, And the guarcian care that heaven Kindly lent them from above.

And his pencil traced thy history
With his strong commanding sense,
And transcribed her wit and humor
And her burning eloquence.
$0!$ for what bright deed of daring
Sons of Erin's lovely sod,
Has the foul hand of the assassin
Sent him early to his God.
Irish hearts why $\mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{a}}$ abt the affection In him to your native land, All her glories dwelt within him And shone throughout his heart and hand. Once his love with erring judgment, Brandished for her long ago,
Swords that thirsted for the Honors, That doth from true valour glow.
Till the opening years of manhood Taught him better of her fate,
Then with true and nobler instinct, He learned his first acts to hate,
Yea he moulded Irish spirits Neath his great majestic own, Gưding all her erring children Back to love Brittania's throne.

Noblest sentimentes did, tremble, Last Eve on his lips of llie,

Teaching statesmen that their duty
Wus to lift the nation higher.
Not to follow but to lead her
On in holy sentiment,
To consolidate the nation, And calm all her discontent.

Once did Nazareth's son of sorrow,
Ask ungrateful Israel why-
For which deed of noble kindness
Did the stones around him tly?
So I ask the sons of Erin, For which deed to Ireland,

Did our noblest statesman quiver 'Neath the toul assassin's hand?

Rather boast that thou wert able To give birth to such a son, Whose immortal genius towerd Glorious as the noonday sun.

Let thy rivers speed be lessen'd, By the Banks of Slaney dear,

And her clouds distil from heaven On his memory a tear.

Drape his birthplace now in Sack-cloth, Cast ye ashes o'er her head,

Let her children pour their sorrow Over the illustrious dead.

And thou Oanada his country By adoption long ago, Let thy tears of sorrow freely For thy loftiest statesman flow.

Weep thou Maple Leaf profusely, Weep the loss of eloquence,

That burned round thy country's glory, Causing it to glow intense.

Curse the cause that hired the demon,
To thus strike so near thy heart,
Ope'd a wound within thy bosom
That will long yet toenly stratt.

Like some star gone from its axis, Leaving all so void behind.

So the Senate of our ceuntry
Is without his lustrous mind.
Let the demon act awake us For the future to prepare,

This is but a little omen, Of the dreadful coming war.

Wake my country, let thy valour Burn again in deeds of fame;

Let thy sons prepare to keep her History with unsullied name.

Days of darkness may await us, Steel the breast for every foe,

In the trial let our natures In immortal lustre glow.

Hand a name that will not perish On the tablets deep of time,

Like the genius that has left us Worthy bard's immortal Rhyme.

May Heaver's retributive justice Soon point to the arm of blood,

Whose demoniac power untimely Sent him thus to meet his God.

And his ignominous memory
Wear the crown of infamy,
That his own foul hand hath woven
In the murder of McGee.
Hush my muse, but let thy sorrow
In the tears of friendship lave,
To bedew the lovel. flowers, That will deck the statesman's grave.

Yea, our country's heart is bleeding Deeply at its inner core,

Cause his silvery tongue will bless them
With its eloquence no more,
'Cause her lofty statesman's powers
Ne'er more will project a plan,
Stamp the brightness of his genius
On it for the good of man.

Yea, the cruel arm that struck him Will upon itself recoil,

And drive out the Fenian spirit
Far firom our Canadian soil.
No cause yet has ever prospered
Built on crimes of such a hue,
No humanity united
Could to it continue true.
If our tears of blood could bring thee
From the cruel jaws of death,
Rivers of them would be flowing
To bring back thy vital breath,
Crucl was the fate that took thee
From our fond embrace away,
Without giving thee a moment
To kneel 'fore thy God to pray.
Had we but a single hour
Just to hear thy mighty soul
Print her last words of affection
On our country's history-scroll.
'Twould have kindled bliss within us
Just to hear thy last words tell,
What their eloquence would utter In their words of last farewell.

But e'en this dark fate denied us Death hath given the fatal blow, Stop'd the Eloquential River
That did o'er his sweet lips flow.
Still in death thou wert our Samson, Slaying in thy mortal hour

More than sword or pen could doubtless In the prime of Manhood's power.

For thy death will arm with power All our Land unitedly,

For to curse the Fenian demon, That slew our belored McGee.

Brother we shall often sorrow Round the precincts of thy grave,

And our love 'll adorn its bosom
With the ensigns of the brave.

Never did a child of genius, Sink beneath his country's sky,

That wrung from her deeper sorrow Or raised sounds of woe so high.

Sleep my brother on the bosom Of thy country's breast of love,

And may heaven but kindly give thee Access to his throne above.

I must drop my harp of sorrow ${ }^{\prime}$
Since it 'vaileth naught for thee,
Songs of loftiest genius cannot
Bring thee back, my loved McGee.
But we'll trust thine own harp chanteth Songs of love in realms of light,

That will never cease in music, But for e'er thy soul delight.

## IN MEMORIUM.

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beloved son uf c. J. hrymies, manager of a. t. b,
Montreal, April 14, 1868.

Native Muse come pour thy sorrow
Weeping, o'er the grave of one
Who in years of carly manhood
To the eternal worlid hath gone. Death hath aimid the unerring arrow That brings all the mighty low, Bloom and beauty now in glory, Did before its power bow.

In the budding bloom of manhood, Just as he applied the our, And his heart expmoding boundless, Aiming for lifo's distant shoro;
And its ocean stretelied before him Hopes were kindliug in the som, All her own transeendent lustre Pour'd its light without controll.

Briliantly she plumed her pinions, Aim'd to take her lofty flight Where the mightieat wings have towered In their own immortal light; How it glow'd within his bosom Pouring rays o'er every part, Little dreaming death would mantle All its lustre in the heart.

Clouds were clear and heaven was brightning,
Life's sea calm and all was bliss,
And the heart thought it could ever
Dwell in heaven so pure as this;
Home was love, and love was swaying
Her own sceptre on the heart,
Which defied life's storms and tempest,
Evermore to bid them part.
And they thought this bliss would ever
'Round their happy home abide,
'Till the fervour of his genius
Would show forth its strength and pride ;
Fondly hoped to bring what laurels
Fame would weave around his brow,
Cause their hearts to dance in gla lness
At th. eifry it would shew.

Genius, wealth, and le:arning offered To buld cint the ellp at liane. And the stirringes of his mpint, Shewed he lovid to lrink the same, And mid lotty mpirits tower With a wings so firm ami bohl. 'I'o write hic natm' be dieds of daring In the brimhtest huen of endil.

That the Nation's heart may proudly Hand it in sucerosioll dewn
As all ornallemt uf latme Io alom Britamia: cown; like the minhty mame than: lal't us
 Sake the box of nimment braken Once ly anay's luving haml.

Beanty wove lar insely mases On his checks of valilind hlom, liat.e thaking reath womblarly Fling thern in his yotsens-tomb. Powir. mer waith, mim hightest genius, Could bribe drath tor mion lis bow, 'T'u het the trizhturs of his apirit On the wonldis lu-be plow.

Heartant have are pratratu beding, Death hut rampled an them more, Cut the tio and hin his spirit Fily to its en mal shome. O! 'tis pata beymul all measure Not la ferl hi-wam heate beat, All the drpethe of its allewtum In its cwn inturem heat;

And givas we to know thay il never Feel it pulath any mote, 'Jill they wet hi:- hape pinit
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We, ha:ll pume le peaty' trar,
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'Till we eome to vist thee,
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